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not got enough and we are very far behind other countries in the matter of deep-sea fishing. But the Government are taking steps to see what can be done in that direction."

Electricity supplied to factories, etc.

* 71 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of electricity supplied to (1) factories, (2) for lighting in the City of Madras in 1946–47; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take over the Madras Electrical Tramways or allow the Corporation to take it over?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Particulars of the quantity of electricity supplied during the year 1946–47 are not available exclusively for the City of Madras, but are available for the whole area served by the Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, which comprises the Madras City and an area extending a little beyond the City limits. The particulars are not strictly classifiable under the two heads 'factories' and 'lighting', but have been maintained by the Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, under several heads which are given below:—

	UNITS.
(1) Industrial Power (Low and Medium voltage supplies)	5,574,673
(2) Industrial Power (High voltage supplies)	18,937,225
(3) Tramways	5,119,992
(4) Electric Railways	13,031,869
(5) Public Water Works and sewage pumping	3,031,810
(6) Supply to Military Engineering Service.	3,353,226
(7) Supplies in bulk to other distributing licensees	701,495
(8) Commercial light and small power (Heat and Power, i.e., power for appliance such as frigidaire, pump motor, etc.).	3,786,523
(9) Domestic consumption (Heat and power)	407,550
(10) Street lighting	1,820,532
(11) Domestic consumption (Lights and Fans)	6,085,163
(12) Commercial consumption (Lights and Fans)	6,337,452
Total ...	68,187,510

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"(b) The Government do not propose to take over the Madras Electric Tramways. The question of the Corporation of Madras taking over the Tramways is under the consideration of the Corporation Council whose final decision in the matter is awaited."

Purchase of iron and steel from the "Disposals".

* 72 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have arranged to purchase large quantities of iron and steel including scrap from the "Disposals";

(*b*) what the quantity purchased and the amount paid for it are;

(*c*) where these materials are available;

(*d*) to what extent supply of iron and steel has been augmented by the purchases from the "Disposals";

(*e*) whether any portion of it will be released for the use of the public; and

(*f*) whether the materials purchased can be utilized straight away without further fabrication?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"(*a*) Yes. Government have ordered the purchase of about 14,175 tons of iron and steel of the controlled categories from the Military Engineering Parks at Arkonam, Avadi, Coimbatore and Vizagapatam and the Engineer Store Depot at Avadi.

"(*b*) The quantity of steel proposed to be purchased is 14,175 tons at Rs. 28,19,805 as shown below:—

	Quantity.	Estimated value.
	TONS.	RS.
(i) Standard Steel	369	92,250
(ii) Defectives (*a*)	5,370	11,41,125
(*b*)	6,564	12,30,750
(iii) Scrap	1,872	3,55,680
Total ..	14,175	28,19,805

No amount has so far been paid, as the release orders for iron and steel are yet awaited from the Iron and Steel Controller.

"(*c*) These materials are available in the four Military Engineer Parks at Avadi, Arkonam, Coimbatore and Vizagapatam and at the Engineer Store Depot at Avadi.

"(*d*) It is expected that the purchase from 'Disposals' will augment the supply of iron and steel to this Province to the